

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

[7-305.1.

(a) The State Board shall establish in a county designated by the State Superintendent a juvenile services alternative education program for public school students who are suspended, expelled, or identified as being candidates for suspension or expulsion as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

(b) The Department shall oversee the juvenile services disciplinary alternative education program for public school students who are:

(1) Suspended, expelled, or identified as being candidates for suspension or expulsion; or

(2) Ordered to attend as a condition of probation by the juvenile court.

(c) (1) With the advice of the Juvenile Services Alternative Education Program Advisory Board, the State Board shall organize and run the juvenile services alternative education program.

(2) The Juvenile Services Alternative Education Program Advisory Board shall be composed of:

(i) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(iii) One of the county's circuit court judges;

(iv) The county executive or the county executive's designee;

(v) The Secretary of Juvenile Services or the Secretary's designee; and

(vi) One member who is a resident of the county and the community in which the alternative education program is located, appointed by the county executive.

(d) (1) With the advice of the Juvenile Services Alternative Education Program Advisory Board, the State Board shall select a private agency to administer the juvenile services alternative education program.

(2) The selected private agency shall:

(i) Provide proof of student progress in reading and mathematics; and